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1. The Movimento de Auxilio a Tribuna Popular (MATP - Aid for Tribuna Popular Movement) is reported by source to be the cover group for the new underground organization of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB). Ostensibly this organization has been set up for the purpose of raising funds to assist the Tribuna Popular in its financial difficulties. However, according to [REDACTED], the MATP is designed to handle the various contingencies and ramifications which may develop when and if the PCB is completely outlawed (at present the Party has only had its mandate as a political party rescinded).

2. The MATP has organized a Central Coordinating Commission (CCC), located at Rua Sao Jose 93, Rio de Janeiro, where contributions and donations are being received at present. The Board of Directors of the CCC intends to register the organization as a civil society and has appointed Roberto Henrique Faller Sissons to draw up the statutes of organization for this purpose. The Central Coordinating Commission consists of the following:

President:  
Vice Presidents:

Dr. Mario Fabiao, M.D.  
Dr. Jorge Amado, Federal deputy;  
author  
Dr. J. F. Sampaio Lacerda, engineer  
Dr. Otavio Brandao, councilman  
Major Roberto Sisson  
Eloiza Prestes (Chief of Secretariat  
and Treasury)

Secretary General:  
Assistant Secretary:

Secretary of Committee of Activities and Festivals

Secretary of Finance Committee:

Dr. Enzmann Cavalcanti, professor  
of chemistry  
Joaquim Barroso, alternate council-  
man

Secretary of Committee for  
Organization:

Dr. Sidney de Rezende, M.D.

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The above officers were installed at a public ceremony on 26 June 1947. According to [REDACTED] the name of Luiz Carlos Prestes is not to be found in connection with the organization of MATP, in order that the latter may be considered to be free from the PCB. However, Otavio Brandao, reportedly the key man in the PCB underground movement, and said to be the contact man between the PCB and the Communist Party of Russia, is quite active in the organization of MATP.

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3. According to [REDACTED] in an effort to prevent the immediate closing of MATP, when

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and if the PCB is suppressed, a study is being made of the possibility of converting the office of the CCC of the MATP into a subsidiary of the Tribuna Popular, S.A., in order to afford it the protection of commercial laws. At present the plans call for one delegate from each neighborhood commission to be an employee of the Tribuna Popular, and be responsible for the collection of funds in that neighborhood.

4. There are now functioning in organized form a total of seven commissions: three in the State of Rio and four in the Federal District. In addition to these, which have been registered with the CCC, there are others functioning which have not yet communicated with the latter. It is reported that the contributions received at the CCC during early July 1947 averaged about Cr\$5,000 per day. The surprising factor in this amount is that it is in addition to donations made directly to the PCB, to which Party members are still contributing. In their appeal for donations to MATP, the Communists are maintaining that the only way for them to continue an organized struggle is to support the newspaper which has become the mouthpiece of all who desire the overthrow of the Dutra government and its leaders.
5. Included as an appendix is a translation of the draft of the proposed organization of the CCC of the MATP. At the end of this is a sketch, as prepared by Roberto Sissons, showing the chain of command.

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Translation of Draft of Internal and General Organization of the CCC of MATP

The Central Coordinating Commission will be composed of:

- 1 President: presiding and representing the MATP and its CCC and presiding in a special manner over the Committee of Demonstrations and Festivals;
- 3 Vice Presidents: substituting in the absence of the President at the tri-monthly meetings and heading the Committees of Finance, Organization, and Propaganda;
- 1 Secretary General: in charge of political orientation and execution of duties in accordance with the resolutions of the CCC; control of tasks; coordination of the Committee and the MATP in general;
- 1 Assistant Secretary: to be in attendance at the Secretariats of the Committees of Aid and other organs of the MATP; Director of the Treasury; in charge of the office and headquarters; superintendent of the sale of books, tickets, etc., in behalf of MATP; take minutes at weekly meetings of the Committee;
- 4 Secretaries of Commissions as follows:
  - a. Commission for Demonstrations and Festivals
  - b. Commission for Finance
  - c. Commission for Organization
  - d. Commission for Propaganda

The four commissions will have the assistance of 12 members to assist in their work, three to each commission. The assistants will have designated alternates named by the CCC. Thus, these three members, with the president and the secretariat, forming an organic nucleus, will be able to admit in their midst as many members who attain the status of militants. The work of the commissions is set forth below:

- a. Demonstrations and Festivals:
  - (1) Organize on its own initiative large festivals, balls, and exhibitions;
  - (2) Organize political demonstrations planned by the Secretary General;
  - (3) Lend assistance and collaboration to all festivals organized by the units related to the society.
- b. Finance:
  - (1) Plan financial campaigns on its own and assist those initiated by the CCC or under the direction of the Tribuna Popular, including the mobilization in this direction of the rest of the members of the CCC, as well as the MATP in general, when necessary;
  - (2) Exercise financial control of all demonstrations and festivals organized by the CCC and, when requested, those organized by adherent organizations;
  - (3) Act as Fiscal Commission of the MATP themselves or through trustworthy technicians;
  - (4) Supervise the statistical records of the MATP in cooperation with the Assistant Secretary.
- c. Organization:
  - (1) Promote the organization of the people within the MATP;
  - (2) Instigate the organization and development of all types of affiliated (or front) organizations;
  - (3) Prepare the foundation for and the development of local organizational commissions by means of delegates or delegations, such as:

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- (a) In Hiteroi, will attend to all the municipalities to the west of the State of Rio de Janeiro;
- (b) Municipal committees in all municipalities to the east of the State of Rio, Friburgo included;
- (c) In all of the important localities of the Federal District.

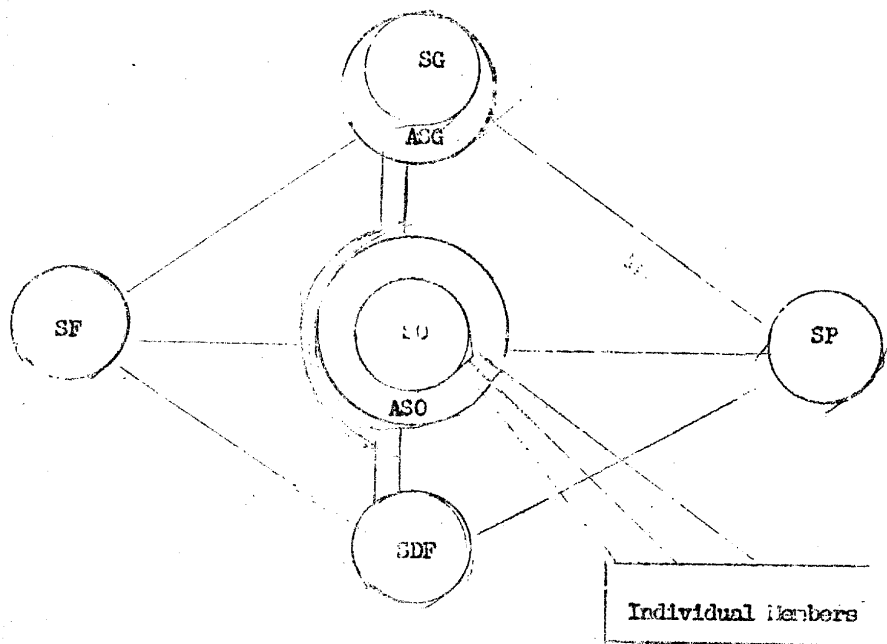
(4) Supervise in accordance with the Assistant Secretary a registry service of:

- (a) individual members;
- (b) affiliated organizations;
- (c) voluntary committees of aid;
- (d) local coordinating commissions.

(5) Lend material assistance to the Commission for Demonstrations and Festivals

d. Propaganda:

- (1) Liaison with the press (through Tribuna Popular) and with the intellectuals in general; collect data from visitors;
- (2) Daily editing of the Friend of the Tribuna (1/4 page) with material to be delivered up to six pm;
- (3) Editing of the monthly bulletin of information (internal bulletin) to be distributed among members individually and collectively;
- (4) Solution of propaganda problems of the MATP in general and those of the Tribuna Popular in particular;
- (5) Billboards for the CCC or, when solicited, for the affiliated organizations;
- (6) Organize meetings and lightning meetings; assist the Commission for Demonstrations and Festivals when its aid is solicited by that commission or by affiliated organizations;
- (7) Put internal documents into final form;
- (8) Organize competitive meetings;
- (9) Promote assistance for the Tribuna Popular (reporting, constructive criticism, cards, suggestions, etc.) on the part of the Commissions and affiliated organizations;
- (10) Editing of slogans;
- (11) Organizing conferences and round table meetings;
- (12) To improve as much as possible this document of internal and general organization of the CCC.



S.G. : Secretary General  
 A.S.G.: Assistant Secretary General  
 S.F. : Secretary of Finance  
 S.P. : Secretary of Propaganda  
 S.D.F. : Secretary of Demonstrations and Festivals

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